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Kie Y. Ahn et al.

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For: COPPER TECHNOLOGY FOR ULSI

METALLIZATION

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION (37 C.F.R. § 1.116)

MS AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated August 26, 2004 (Paper No. 20040818), finally rejecting claims 1-9, 11-14, 16-19 and 21-30, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

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Docket No. AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER M4065.0461/P461 Filing Date Examiner Art Unit Application No. 2823 G. R. Fourson July 24, 2001 09/910,914-Conf. #2806 Applicant(s): Kie Y. Ahn et al. Invention: COPPER TECHNOLOGY FOR ULSI METALLIZATION TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated and is transmitted as shown below. **CLAIMS AS AMENDED Highest** Claims Number Number Remaining **Extra Claims After** Previously Rate Amendment Present Paid 0.00 **Total Claims** 27 - 28 X Independent 0.00 3 = 5 X Claims Multiple Dependent Claims (check if applicable) Other fee (please specify): 0.00 TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT: **Small Entity** x Large Entity x | No additional fee is required for this amendment. Please charge Deposit Account No. _____ in the amount of \$ _____. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. A check in the amount of \$ to cover the filing fee is enclosed. Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached. 04-1073 The Director is hereby authorized to charge and credit Deposit Account No. as described below. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed. x Credit any overpayment. x Charge any additional filing or application processing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16 and 1.17. October 29, 2004 Dated: Thomas J. D'Amico Attorney Reg. No.: 28,371 DICKSTEIN SHAPIRO MORIN & OSHINSKY LLP 2101 L Street NW Washington, DC 20037-1526 (202) 828-2232